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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 9, 2001, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,795,834 (DEEB et al.), August 18, 1998;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,985,775 (DEEB et al.), November 16, 1999;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,042,882 (DEEB et al.), March 28, 2000;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,048,806 (DEEB et al.), April 11, 2000.

Applicants note that documents (1)-(4) are family members of WO 97/24222 A1, which was brought to the Examiner's attention in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 9, 2001. This document is cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP99/04851 of which the above-referenced application is a

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- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,928,972 (MASHIKO et al.), July 27, 1999;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,191,336 B1 (MASHIKO et al.), February 20, 2001.

Applicants note that documents (5) and (6) are family members of WO 97/42922 A1, which was brought to the Examiner's attention in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 9, 2001. This document is cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP99/04851 of which the above-referenced application is a national stage.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the German Search Report for German Application DE 198 30 864.7 of which the above-referenced application claims priority:

- (7) DE 196 54 921 A1, March 5, 1998, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (8) DE 196 42 178 A1, April 16, 1998;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,939,190 (PFAFF et al.), August 17, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (8);
- (10) DE 195 31 291 A1, February 27, 1997;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,074,965 (BODENSCHATZ et al.), June 13, 2000; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (10);
- (12) WO 98/29481 A1, July 9, 1998;

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- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,096,014 (HAFFNER et al.), August 1, 2000; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (12);
- (14) WO 97/26850, July 31, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,681,301 (YANG et al.), which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 9, 2001 and in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP99/04851;
- (15) JP 9-313535 A, December 9, 1997, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following document:

- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,230,701 (MEYER et al.), July 27, 1993; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document EP 0 341 875 B1, November 15, 1989, which is cited and discussed at page 2, line 15 of the present application and in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 9, 2001.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following co-assigned U.S. patent applications and U.S. patent:

- (17) Serial No. 09/646,553, filed September 19, 2000 and entitled "LAMINATE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME AND USE OF A LAMINATE ESPECIALLY AS A MEDICINAL SUPPORT MATERIAL";
- (18) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0132545 A1 (LENZ), September 19, 2002;
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 6,822,132 B2 (AHRENS et al.), November 23, 2004.

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Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

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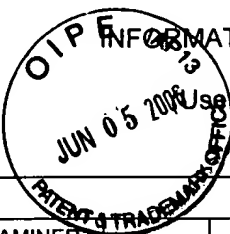
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